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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTN: Box Patent Application

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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**For (title): ISOPHTHALIC ACID POLYAMIDE POLYMER FOR
USE IN GOLF BALL COVERS OR MANTLES**

- 1. Type of Application** - This new application is for a(n) XX Original (nonprovisional)
- 2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s)** (35 U.S.C. 119(e), 120, or 121): None
- 3. Papers Enclosed That Are Required for Filing Date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application**

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| <u>67</u> Pages of specification | <u>4</u> Pages of claims | <u>1</u> Page of Abstract |
| <u>2</u> Sheets of drawing(s) (Fig(s) 1 - 4) | <u>XX</u> formal | <u> </u> informal |
- 4. Additional papers enclosed**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment | <u>XX</u> Application Data Sheet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B) | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. 1.98) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <u>XX</u> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) |
- 5. Declaration or oath**
X Enclosed, but NOT executed by the inventors. Enclosed and executed by inventor(s).
- 6. Inventorship Statement** The inventorship for all the claims in this application are: X The same.
- 7. Assignment** XX TO BE FORWARDED
X assignment of the invention to SPALDING SPORTS WORLDWIDE, INC.
 is attached with a separate "RECORDATION FORM COVER SHEET - PATENTS ONLY"

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10

I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this date APRIL 18, 2001, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," mailing Label Number EL104033449US, addressed to: Box Patent Application, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. 1.16)A. Regular application

| CLAIMS AS FILED - OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY | | | | (10/01/00) | |
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| Number filed | Number Extra | Rate | Basic Fee | 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) | |
| | | | \$710.00 | | |
| Total | | | | | |
| Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | 31 - 20 = 11 | x \$ 18.00 | \$198.00 | | |
| Independent | | | | | |
| Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | 4 - 3 = 1 | x \$ 80.00 | \$ 80.00 | | |
| | | Filing Fee Calculation | \$ 988.00 | | |

9. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time Enclosed Basic filing fee**TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED** **\$ 988.00****10. Method of Payment of Fees**

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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 17-0150
- 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
- 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
- 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
- 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (application processing fees)

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Respectfully submitted,

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PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED
CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C § 120 FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR-FILED
APPLICATION, UNDER 37 CFR § 1.178(a)(3)

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In an amendment presented on December 20, 2002, Applicants claimed priority upon a series of prior applications as follows:

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The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/523,563, filed on March 10, 2000, and issued on May 7, 2002 as U.S. Patent No. 6,384,140. In turn, that application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/241,186, filed on February 1, 1999, and issued on April 30, 2002 as U.S. Patent No. 6,380,310, which is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/763,070, filed on December 10, 1996, and issued on March 23, 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,886,103.

Payment for the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(t) accompanies this Petition. A check in the amount of \$1240.00 is enclosed. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

According to 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2)(ii), a claim for priority for this application was due four (4) months from the filing date of this application, i.e. August 18, 2001. The date the claim for priority was actually filed was December 20, 2002. The entire delay between these two dates (totaling approximately 16 months) was unintentional.

Applicants respectfully petition the Office to allow the present application to rely upon the noted priority claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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